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## INLAND WATERWAYS IN YUGOSLAVIA

PROGRESS ON THE SAVA-DANUBE CANAL -- Politika, No 13020, 4 Sep 48

The new Sava-Danube Canal, one of the greatest projects in the First Five-Year Plan, begins at the village of Bezanija, describes a small curve back to its beginning, then cuts in a straight line through Bezanija and the airfield, and ends at the Danube near the Zemun railway station. The great ship canal will be 5 km long, 100 meters wide, and 8-12 meters deep. The present Belgrade and Zemun railway stations and the Sava shipyard and harbor are to be raised concurrently with the building of the canal.

Eleven bridges will be built across the canal, including one to carry the Brotherhood and Unity Highway and another for the double-track railway. The bridges will be built so as to permit the passage of all kinds of river craft in the canal, even at high water.

Young people working with spades and shovels have taken the place of the bulldozers, which are no longer being used. About 700 meters of canal 4 meters deep have been cut so far.

SISAK-ZAGREB CANAL -- Rad, No 140, 10 Sep 48

The Zagreb-Sisak ship and reclamation canal will be one of the greatest water projects in southeastern Europe when completed. A canal has been cut through the Odra valley on the left of the river to drain the territory between the ship canal and the Sava. The ship canal itself will drain the Odra Polje, which has been flooded every spring, thereby reclaiming about 100 sq km of land. An auxiliary canal emptying into the Kupa will receive water from the mountains and prevent silting of the main canal. Locks will be built because of the variation in level of the riverbed between Sisak and Zagreb.

Because of the stony nature of the ground, the dams will be reinforced with brick or concrete, the Sava dam will be strengthened, and a sluice will be built ~~at the~~ <sup>near</sup> the Kupa to control the level of the Kupa and Odra. Dams also will be built around the Kupa to protect Sibak. Irrigation will be provided by a canal from the Sava and by an artificial pumping system.

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